



William Lamb
450th anniversary

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

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Jesus, during Your ministry on earth you showed your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in keeping healthy and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them; for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Collect: **Creator God, who ordained family life as a rock and a refuge in the uncertainties of the world. Listen, we pray, to the prayers of your people and teach us to copy your motherly love in our care for one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THANKS FOR FINDING PARISH RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE!

For the time being we are having to 'feel our way' as we try to provide resources so that you can do CAH - Church at Home. Already there are lots of services available on the internet but we hope that we at St James' can do some of the same things together so that we continue to be a united family at this time.

Regular Prayer:

12noon daily 'Prayer during the Day' When St James' is opened up at 9am each morning there will be a simple service sheet available for you to use in Church if you wish. The same words will be heard in Church as soon as the 12noon bells have stopped ringing. This short service lasts about 20minutes.

Sunday 10am Mass This is not a public service as such but a few of us will be in Church to celebrate a stripped down Mass with a short address - without any music. **The service words are printed in full below.** The Mass will also be streamed on the St James' Facebook page for those with access to a computer.

Keeping in touch:

Email and text messages have flooded into the Parish Office over the last few days. These have not only been about the brilliant way the Pack-Up team are re-organising themselves to provide a weekly take-away service. Also in touch have been the Arlington Association, Islington Council and various individuals in the community offering help and good advice. We have also received some lovely messages from our local schools in response to our promise of prayers for them as the schools closed on Friday. There have also been some messages about those who may have contracted Coronavirus, possibly including baby Eve Holtom. Do keep the messages coming so that we can continue to share one another's news.



Readings for Sunday Mass and the weekday noon 'Prayer during the Day'

Sunday 22	Exodus 2: 1-10; Ps34; Colossians 3: 12-17; St Luke 2: 41-52
Mon 23	Isaiah 65: 17-21; Ps 30; St John 4: 43-end
Tues 24	Isaiah 43: 1-10a; Ps 31; St Matthew 10: 28-39
Wednesday 25	Isaiah 78: 1-1-14; Ps 40; St Luke 1: 26-38
Thursday 26	Exodus 32: 7-14; Ps 106; St John 5: 31-end
Friday 27	Jeremiah 26: 8-11; Ps 34; St John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Sunday 29	Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Ps 130; Romans 8: 6-11; St John 11: 1-45

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CORONAVIRUS Although we had watched with increasing alarm the news from Italy and Spain about the spread of the virus there, I don't think many of us were prepared for the government announcement that schools, theatres and cinemas, pubs and clubs would all be subject to a blanket shutdown - and that church services would also be suspended. Nor were we ready, in the words of the Arch-bishops, for what might be needed to 'do Church differently'. So what has been so impressive is the energy with which people have made alternative arrangements. As part of that we hope St James' is also able to adapt to the new circumstances, not just at Pack-Up, in the care of the elderly and those who are self-isolating but also in working with the Council and local residents to make sure there is food available for the street community (and others) now that the Highbury Food Bank has closed. More to follow.

LENT READING GROUP As you would expect we aren't going to allow our faith to just take a holiday either so it is good that Ken Thompson had already encouraged us to read Rowan Williams' 'Luminaires' this Lent. This little book is made up of 20 stories of great Christian men and women and the first chapter features St Paul. I hope at least a few of us can read the chapters in the same order and perhaps share some ideas as we go. I will be referring to them in the short sermons that you can find by using the Sermons tab on the Church website (www.stjamesislington.org).

SUNDAY SCHOOL Thanks to Maria and Sinead craft materials (with instructions!) will be available each week so that families can do, in CAH (Church at home), the same activities that they would have done had we been able to hold Sunday School. One new development, we hope to set up an Instagram page too so that people can share pictures of what that they have made. But also one small request: distributing 20 packets of materials is a bit of a logistical challenge as we have no car so offers to transport envelopes to each house would be very much appreciated. Thanks.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 22 LENT 4	Dionne, Aly, Sophie, Emma and Jack Carter
Mon 23 DEL Lent 4	Chris, Katja, Arnold and Egon Carter; Cyril Daley
Tues 24 Oscar Romero	Dennis Davis; Richard, Teresa, Mae, Ivy Dennison
Wed 25 ANNUNCIATION	Sophie Duffy, Reggie and Olive Murphy
Thurs 26 Feria	Adam Dickson; Amy, Freddie Eldon-Richier; Scott Kinch
Fri 27 Feria	Will Ellsworth-Jones; Weini and Ethan Faloppa
Sat 28 Feria	Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria Falcioni
Sun 29 PASSION SUNDAY	Wendy Fisher-Gordon; Maria Flavius

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

BIRTHDAY Happy Returns today to Teresa Pereira, wife to Richard and Mom to Ivy and Mae Dennison; and on Saturday to Henry Green who will be 3.

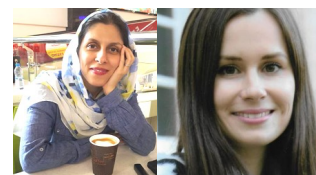
ANNIVERSARY Warmest congratulations to Nick and Felicity Fryer (nee Chasney) whose 2nd anniversary falls on Tuesday, a day they can now share with Eleanor who was born on 27th January.

SICK Robert Addington, Annie Bryan, Chou Seng Joo, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Klenan, Kingsley Lewis, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Rene, Vera Taggart, Angela Vinnicombe.

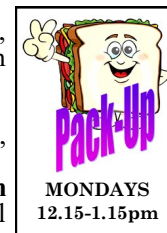
MEMORIALS 23rd: Jennifer Harvey (2018); 27th: Valerie Huxley (2000).

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS US: Fr Travis and Suzanne Smith, Angleton, Texas; Japan: Fr Sebastian Naniwa, working in Hiroshima.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE While we were delighted to hear that **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** has gained temporary release from Evin Jail



due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, we have heard nothing about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left), a British-Australian academic, who seems to have been a persistent thorn in the flesh of the authorities and who may well have been denied her freedom. We pray also for **Anoosheh Ashoori** and **Aras Amiri**.



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PARISH MASS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Collect

The Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction follow

Just like a mother loves and cares for her children
so the Lord loves and cares for us all.
**Just like a friend shares our joys and sorrows
so everything we do is known to the Lord.**
When we are happy he rejoices with us
for nothing pleases him more;
**when we are sad he comforts and reassures us,
he never leaves us to struggle on our own.**
The Lord is our light and our salvation,
with him beside us we have no need to fear.
Move among us, Lord,
**that we may learn to love
and trust you, now and always.**

Confession

Lent: Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled'. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for his forgiveness.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned, against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us for all our sins, that we may enjoy the glory of God and live in his presence all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you created family life to be a rock and a refuge in the uncertainties of the world. Listen, we pray, to the prayers of your people and teach us to imitate your motherly love in our care for one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: (Exodus 2: 1-10) Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.'

So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: [Ps 34: 9-14]

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exult his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my fear.

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted
and he will save those whose spirits are crushed.

**Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver them out of them all.**

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

**Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

2nd Reading: (Colossians 3: 12-17) As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We reflect in a moment of silence on all that we have heard

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, King of eternal glory
Like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a
mother with her children.
Praise to you, King of eternal glory**

Gospel: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

(St Luke 2: 41-52) Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit (see website: www.stjamesislington.org/Sermons)

Sermon

Stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, light from light, true God from true God,
begotten not made, of one Being with the Father;
though him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven;
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

**Merciful Father accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayer of Humble Access

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your Kingdom. Amen.

Stand

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has give us access to his grace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Remain standing

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer F

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cradling God, we thank you and we praise you
because, like a mother, you brought all things into being.
Through trials and truth-telling, touch and tenderness,
you nurtured your people
and led them in the ways of justice and of peace.

When the time came for you to dwell among us as flesh and blood,
your Holy Spirit called a women to be the god-bearer,
so that in her we might see how our bodies can reveal your glory.

And so with the angels and archangels and all the household of heaven,
we sing the song of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest..**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sit/kneel Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
kneel loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Lamb of God

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with Mary the Mother of God, St James, St Peter and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was
broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your
hearts with thanksgiving; for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I
shall be healed.**

Sit

After Communion

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth; blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for the sake of right, for they will be filled.

Post Communion:

Loving God, as a mother tenderly feeds her children, so you feed us in this
sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted
your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power
of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Community Notices

God grant us grace to live in holiness, deny ourselves, take up our cross
and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go, in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**